

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/760,236

Examiner

Carlos A. Martinez

Applicant(s)

SILVERBROOK, KIA

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to papers filed through 03/09/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>See Continuation Sheet</u> |

Continuation of Attachment(s) 9. Other: e-mail correspondence (sent 03/31/2006).

From: Pascale Hair [pascale.hair@silverbrookresearch.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 7:53 PM
To: Martinez, Carlos
Subject: RE: Consideration for Allowance -- Application 10/760236 (Attorney Docket #: RRA16US)]
Dear Examiner Martinez,

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's email message for the above-referenced application regarding the clarification of the claim language of pending claim 1.

The Applicant is willing to make amendment to claim 1 as proposed by the Examiner to recite that the compressed air is --directed over and-- along the pagewidth printhead.

Favourable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Yours sincerely,

Pascale Hair
Patent Assistant
For Kia Silverbrook
Silverbrook Research Pty Ltd

Recognizing that Internet communications are not secure, I hereby authorize the USPTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Consideration for Allowance -- Application 10/760236 (Attorney Docket #: RRA16US)
Date: Fri, 31 Mar 2006 15:03:21 -0500
From: Martinez, Carlos <Carlos.Martinez@USPTO.GOV>
To: kia.silverbrook@silverbrookresearch.com

Kia Silverbrook,

This e-mail is in regards to application 10/760236 (Attorney Docket #: RRA16US). The noted application is in consideration for allowance; however, there is some claim language that the Office would like to have clarified as there is a reference that may provide a basis to overcome the claim (in particular claim 1) as written. As written, claim 1 could be interpreted to have the air distributed from within the printhead or from behind the printhead as opposed to directly over the printhead as noted by the applicant's specification. Therefore, if applicant is willing to make amendment to claim 1 as follows, the Office will be willing to make adjustment by an examiner's amendment and present for allowance:

1. An inkjet printer cartridge including:
an elongate body housing a printing fluid storage and adapted to be received within an inkjet printer cradle; a pagewidth printhead attached to said body and in fluid communication with said printing fluid storage; and an air distribution assembly having a filter arranged to evenly distribute compressed air directed over and along the pagewidth printhead when air pressure at the filter attains a threshold level.

A response is requested as soon as possible.

Respectfully,
Carlos A. Martinez, Jr.
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in via e-mail with Pascale Hair (Patent Assistant for Kia Silverbrook of Silverbrook Research Pty Ltd) on 04/04/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

- **Claim 1** (the following words have been added to claim 1 before the word "along" in line 6 of claim 1): -- *directed over and* --

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not teach an inkjet printer cartridge with an elongate body housing a printing fluid storage and adapted to be received within an inkjet printer cradle that is also a pagewidth printhead attached to said body and in fluid communication with said printing fluid storage and that is also arranged to provide an even distribution of compressed air along a pagewidth printhead when air pressure at the filter attains a threshold level; nor does the prior art teach a filter arranged for sealing of

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the length of a channel to direct air along its length to a pagewidth printhead upon air pressure within the channel attaining a threshold level as set forth in the claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Drawings

2. The replacement drawing sheets and annotated sheets were received on 03/9/2006. It is noted that these drawings are acceptable.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carlos A. Martinez whose telephone number is (571) 272-8349. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5:00 pm (M-F).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, STEPHEN D. MEIER can be reached on (571) 272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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